

LIBERTY, CASEY COUNTY.

—Monday was regular county court day, but there was only a limited crowd in attendance on account of the farmers being very busy.

—Col. Robert J. Breckinridge made one of his brilliant speeches on the free silver question here on Monday. The colonel has a great many personal friends in this county among all political parties, but the free silver craze has not taken deep hold here yet, but there are symptoms making their appearance that it might spread as a mild epidemic, though it is hoped it will prove fatal only in a few cases.

—Since writing the above, the writer, has been much enlightened by receiving the INTERIOR JOURNAL and reading on a supplementary sheet, the speech of Judge George N. Aldredge, of Dallas, Texas, delivered before a convention of bankers at Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16, 1895. It confirms your correspondent in his own opinion on the subject of money matters, and awakens vivid memories of the past. The writer was personally acquainted with Judge Aldredge. His first recollections of the judge was when he (Aldredge) was elected county attorney of Dallas county, Texas. There were no district or Commonwealth attorneys in that State. At the next election he was elected district judge, an office similar to circuit judge in this State. He was over six feet high, weighed over 250 lbs. and was plain dressed, and the awkwardest and gawkiest man a person ever met with. He was funny and popular with everybody, and ready to tackle a street urchin for a game of marbles at any time. Long may survive the jolly Judge Aldredge!

—A large assemblage collected here on the 26th as witnesses and also to attend the examining trial of J. W. Acey, of Mintonville, in this county, charged with shooting at Dr. F. A. Taylor in April, with intent to kill. A good number of witnesses was examined on both sides. At the outset, the Commonwealth implied a weakness in employing such a strength of counsel. County Attorney Q. C. Godbey, Stone & Stone, of Liberty, and Judge James Denton, of Somerset, represented the prosecution, while W. A. Morrow, of Somerset, and Judge John Belden, of this place, defended Acey. The case was tried before Squire J. D. Owens, as Judge Telford, being a relative of one of the parties, was ruled off the bench. The burden of the Commonwealth's witnesses was merely to state the fact of the shooting being commenced by Acey from Tyler Jasper's store, and directed at Dr. Taylor on his platform in front of his own store. For the defense, the court ruled against the admission of evidence of the confessions of Acey's wife to her husband and other parties. The defense, however, introduced strong circumstantial evidence to show the probability of illicit intercourse between Dr. Taylor and Acey's wife; such as the presence of Dr. Taylor at Acey's residence in his absence, the sending out of Acey's children and fastening the doors of the house, &c. The weight of sympathy among those in attendance seemed to be in favor of Acey. After hearing all the evidence, Acey was held in the sum of \$500 to appear at the next term of circuit court for trial on the charge. The bail bond was readily given. George E. Stone, Judge Denton and Q. C. Godbey argued for the Commonwealth and Judge Belden and W. A. Morrow for the defense.

Among the very many fine old Virgin gentlemen who have come into the homes and hearts of Kentuckians, none ever received a warmer or more lasting welcome than was extended to Gen. John Echols. Chivalric, cultured, genial and enterprising, he ingratiated himself into the good will and compelled the admiration of all with whom his business or social relations brought him in contact. Not even in his native State, to which he rendered such distinguished service in both war and peace, will his death, which occurred at his old home at Staunton, be more generally or sincerely mourned than in this State of his adoption.—Louisville Times.

—The New York Herald figures out that there are 4,000,000 bicycle riders in the United States, and that the 250 reputable manufacturers, representing a capital of \$60,000,000, and employing 120,000 people, make 1,000,000 bicycles annually. New York City alone has 200,000 cyclists.

—Christina Blechschmidt, of Lexington, aged 25 years, was found dead in the road near Falmouth, with two bullet holes in her breast. Developments indicate that she was murdered and that it is a second Pearl Bryan case in some particulars.

—The L. & N. was indicted at Shelbyville on 57 counts for having its employees work on Sunday.

HERE YOU ARE DEMOCRATS.—Democratic State convention at Lexington, June 3rd. Round trip via the Queen & Crescent Route from all points in Kentucky, one fare for round trip June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, good till June 8th. Ask agents for full particulars. W. O. Richardson, G. P. A., Cincinnati, O.

MT. VERNON.

Circuit Court, Speaking and Other Items.

Circuit court and the announcement that there would be speaking brought a large crowd to Mt. Vernon Monday and the newspaper man, almost a half dozen in number, had a pretty good field to labor in. Rockcastle people are great readers and that they are good judges of literature is proven by the alacrity with which they take hold of the "cheapest and the best."

The criminal docket this court is the largest for years and the entire term of a week will be taken up with it. In fact it is doubtful if it can be completed in that time. The civil cases will have to go over till next court unless Judge Morrow holds a special term, which he will very likely not do. Few visiting lawyers are in attendance, the evil doers and others believing no doubt that the Mt. Vernon bar is as good as the best.

The speaking was largely attended and enjoyed. Hon. Pryor J. Forre made a capital speech and made friends for himself and for the cause he represented. A good portion of his argument was devoted to the currency question and the few free silverites in the county were put to thinking by his clear and forcible presentation of the disadvantages that would arise from the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He gave the republican party particular fits and scored Gov. Bradley fore and aft for the abuse of the pardoning power, the calling out of the militia and other things "too numerous to mention." Mr. Forre admitted that he was ashamed of the fact that he was a member of the last Legislature and would not have told his hearers that he was had he not been taught when a boy to tell the bad things he did rather than let others do so and exaggerate on them. While referring to the unseating of Representative Kaufman by the republicans, Superintendent Andy Baker remarked that the democrats in the Senate had done the same thing. "You republicans set the example and we only followed; you have to fight the devil with fire, you know." "Then I suppose," said Mr. Baker, "if the republicans go to hell, you democrats will follow." "Oh, no," said the speaker, "hell would be too full and too bad a place under those circumstances for us democrats." Mr. Forre made a powerful plea for democratic harmony and promised that whether nominated or not his energy would be spent in trying to bring democrats together for the great fight this fall.

Hon. F. F. Bobbitt followed with a speech 1½ hours in length. He is a free silver man, but is not for John B. Thompson. "We got our 'Phil' of the Thompsons years ago," said he. When asked how he would vote this year, he answered, "We big men don't vote, we merely dictate to the smaller fry." Mr. Bobbitt gave his hearers the startling information that no democrat could win in the Eighth district.

John Sam Owsley, Jr.'s, friends were disappointed at his failure to be present and take part in the speaking. A great many expressed to the writer a desire to meet him and hear him speak. It is hard to say just now who Rockcastle will instruct for, but Mr. Owsley's friends say they are going to carry it for him without fail, and if determination counts for anything, Lincoln's entry will receive her three votes. There is every reason why Mr. Owsley should receive them. The chairman of the county committee and a number of the best workers in the county are for him.

There is less evidence of hard times in and around Mt. Vernon than any place in my knowledge. More building has been done in the last year than ever before in the history of the place and a number of houses, including the handsome Presbyterian church, are now under construction. There are no vacant houses and rent is high. The commonest kind of a cottage will rent for \$8 or \$10 per month.

Mr. James Maret, who was depot agent for years and who has for a long time been a contributor to this paper, is now running a rock quarry near town and is making a good thing of it. There is no cleverer gentleman "on top o' dirt" than Mr. Maret and it is gratifying to his friends to know that he is doing so well.

Mr. W. R. Crease, formerly of Rockcastle, but now a member of the Monticello bar, is at Mt. Vernon taking oil leases for a company that has been operating in Wayne. There is no doubt about there being oil in the county and it is to be hoped that it will be found in paying quantities. Mt. Vernon will boom sure enough if it is.

Brookhead people are looking forward to a huge picnic July 4. It has been the custom for several years to have one on that day, but the picnic in prospect promises to surpass all previous efforts. The Brookhead brass band will make music, a number of prominent speakers will be on hand and nothing will be left undone that will add to the pleasure of those present.

George DeBord, son of Stanford's clever jester, is having success as teacher of the Brookhead band and soon that band will make music second to none in the country. Ed Albright, who takes great

interest in music of any kind, thinks Mr. DeBord the coming cornetist of the State.

Brookhead has the reputation just now of being the cheapest place in the State. The merchants are cutting on everything but on groceries the knife goes deepest. The following sign in front of one of the stores will give our readers an idea of how cheap goods are sold there: "Eggs 5c per dozen, butter 10c per pound, peas two cans for 15c, fine peaches two cans for 25c; tomatoes 7c or four cans for 25c," and so on. The thought of making a profit on sugar and coffee is not considered at all. The merchants seem to be holding up well, notwithstanding the low prices, and hard times are not discussed near so much as at other points where better profits are made. This is easily explained, however, for the mountain people as a general thing live within the bounds of their incomes.

E. C. W.

SOMEWHAT LOCAL.

—Sam Turner was killed in Bell county by Mead Cottrell.

—Danville's population is now 4,875, an increase of 800 since her last census.

—Monticello will not have saloons unless the election is set aside. The drys won by a majority of four.

—Barbourville has 20 drummers. She also has more loafers than any town its size in the State, says a citizen of that place.

—Best Anston escaped from the new jail at Liberty by picking the lock with a wire nail. The building is new and cost \$10,000.

—The Middleboro Watt steel plant has been ordered by cable from London to start at once. Six hundred men are to be employed.

—There is not a prisoner in the Barbourville jail at present. This is the first time in over 10 years that the jail has been empty.

—A fund is being raised for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late Congressman Silas Adams in Casey county.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Shearer, of Wayne county, who moved to Texas six years ago, were among the killed in the cyclone at Sherman. Their house was completely wrecked.

—A dispatch from Parkersville says two brothers named Briggs horribly mutilated Tom Salice, who it is charged had been criminally intimate with the wife of one of the brothers.

—A Casey county farmer sent to the North for a superior article of clover seed and sowed 20 acres. When it came up it proved to be a first class article of the ordinary black mustard and now his mustard crop promises to be large enough to blister the whole of Casey county.

—The cash drawer of the Monticello, postoffice was robbed Saturday night. Suspicion pointed to a young country boy, who proved to be James Thornton, son of William Thornton, one of the best known men in Wayne county. The post-office at Paisley, same county, was also robbed of quite a number of stamps Thursday night.

LONDON, LAUREL COUNTY.

—Born, to the wife of Mr. Fred Figg, on the 19th, a girl.

—Judge Robert Boyd has returned home from an extended trip throughout the South. He says his health has improved very little, if any.

—Judge Tinsley and Mr. H. C. Faulkner, of Barbourville, J. W. Alcorn, of Stanford, and J. A. Craft, of Louisville, are the visiting attorneys at this session of court.

—Rev. W. B. Godbey occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church this week. Mr. R. M. Jackson is at Richmond attending the annual meeting of the Knights Templar.

—Mr. F. B. Riley has gone to Louisville in the interest of the Laurel County Fair Association. The new directors of the Fair expect to make a success this year, promising the best of any within its history.

—Miss Mary Duff's school closes Friday. The exercises will be given Thursday evening and the children will be treated to a picnic at Speaks' Mill Friday. Miss Duff is a most efficient teacher and the patrons could do no better than to secure her services next year.

—Circuit court is in session with a very light docket. Robt. Jackson, son of Gen. Jackson, for the murder of Ed Chestnut, was given 21 years. Jesse Huff, for detaining a woman, was given two years. Alex Tuttle, for assisting in the murder of Williams, was given three years. The grand jury returned an indictment against Gov. W. O. Bradley for failing to furnish the clerk a statement of land owned by the governor in this county, as required by law.

Queen & Crescent Route, dollar excursion Sunday, May 31st. Tickets to Cincinnati and return on special trains from all points north of Junction City. All the amusements for the summer will be open. The zoo, Coney Island, The Lagoon and Chester Park, each offers unprecedented attractions. Ask agents for particulars.



MISS MINERVA PARK PHELPS.

While the above picture does not do justice to the very handsome lady, whose charms it is intended to portray, her friends will readily recognize it as that of Miss Minerva Park Phelps, of Madison County, than whom Kentucky has no more elegant and accomplished daughter. She is a daughter of Col. and Mrs. Thos. Phelps, whose home near Richmond, known as Dreamy Creek Heights, is noted for its beauty and hospitality. Miss "Minerva," as her friends know her, is the only single daughter; the other being the wife of Col. J. W. Caperton, a wealthy farmer and banker, and herself a noted beauty. After graduating at the Madison Female College, Miss Minerva went to Wellesley and also graduated there with high honors. She is one of the most entertaining of conversationalists, and her cordiality and engaging manners make her a great favorite in the society in which she reigns with charming grace. She is a grand-daughter of Mr. Richard Cobb, and is a frequent visitor at his "Castle" and at Mrs. W. M. Bright's, her cousin, where she is always the recipient of marked attention.

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE CO.

—Circuit court is in session.

—Several hundred citizens of the county were in town Monday.

—The democrats seem to be about evenly divided here between Owsley and Forre for Congress.

—One murder case has been decided so far. The criminal, a colored man, named Dick Mullins, was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

—Rev. J. M. Walton left for Livingston Saturday accompanied by his teachers and a number of his pupils. He gave them an elegant reception at his residence that evening.

—The parties who are on trial for knifing in this county caused some merriment in court Tuesday. Nevertheless one has already been sentenced to nine months in the penitentiary.

—The cornet band rendered some of its loveliest strains before the court-house Monday and also at the Miller House in honor of the speakers of the day, Hon. Pryor J. Forre and F. F. Bobbitt.

—Gov. Bradley arrived on the afternoon train Tuesday. Messrs. E. O. Walton and J. W. Alcorn were here Monday. Judge T. Z. Morrow and Commonwealth's Attorney Stout are at their posts this week. Mr. Henry Rice, of Livingston, is foreman of the grand jury. Misses Sallie Cook and Alza Logan Brown have returned from school at Midway. Mrs. Mannie Albright accompanied by Miss Rika Baker has returned from a visit to Brookhead.

Low rates to Washington, D. C., for Christian Endeavorers. The Chesapeake and Ohio railway will sell round trip tickets from all stations in Central Kentucky to Washington, D. C., at one fare for round trip on July 4th to 8th, good until July 31st if desired. The Chesapeake and Ohio is four hours shortest route to Washington and is the only line with through train service from Lexington and vicinity. Two vestibuled trains each way daily. On return trip trains arrive at Lexington at same time of arrival as at Cincinnati via other lines, thus saving a change of trains and three or more hours additional ride. Side trips can be made to Old Point, Norfolk and the Big Ship Yard at Newport News where the battleship "Kentucky" is now building. Write for time table and map of Virginia battle fields. George W. Barney, D. P. A., Lexington, Ky.

—A Georgia editor has this death notice: "Poor Jim Brown hung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river yesterday. He didn't stand back because the water was cold, but plunged right in, rose smiling, struck out for the other shore, hand over hand, where the angels were waiting for him with a finer suit of clothes than poor Jim ever wore in his life."

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